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# PATROL NEWS



OVER NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE AND PROTECTION



# from the STAFF

**Major Paul D. Kerperin**  
Criminal Investigation Bureau



**I**n October 18, 2023, the Division of Drug and Crime Control hosted an open house to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Among the attendees were members of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, many current and retired Patrol employees, other state agency employees, and several public officials, including a state representative. Those attending enjoyed numerous displays highlighting the various units comprising the division and heard countless stories from retirees.

The 82nd Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 294 on September 28, 1983, and Governor Christopher S. Bond signed it into law, creating the DDCC. Before the signing of this bill, the primary focus of the Highway Patrol had been to enforce traffic laws and to promote safety upon Missouri's highways. With the signing of Senate Bill 294, the Patrol's mission officially encompassed investigations of any suspected crime or criminal activity within the state.

Prior to the creation of the Division of Drug and Crime Control, the Criminal Division handled investigative functions. Investigative assignments included theft, burglary, robbery, polygraph examination, kidnapping, and murder. The Criminal Division contained the Motor Vehicle Theft and Information Section and the Criminal Records Section. The Criminal Records Section was removed from the Criminal Division with the creation of the DDCC.

Much has changed since 1983, for the Patrol and, more specifically, DDCC. Prior to the signing of Senate Bill 294, there were a total of 36 officers assigned to the Patrol's Criminal Investigation Division, consisting of only four sections: Executive Security, Intelligence and Investigations, Narcotics, and Motor Vehicle Theft and Information. What began as 36 officers at creation has since grown to 125 members (investigators). Additionally, DDCC now employs 17 highly trained civilian support personnel.

Over the last 40 years additional responsibilities led to the addition of several sections. Currently, criminal and narcotics investigative units remain assigned to each of the nine troops. The creation of the Rural Crimes Investigative Units, Digital Forensics Investigation Unit, Human Trafficking/Interdiction for Protection of Children Investigations, Organized Crime/Anti-Terrorism Unit, and Illegal Gaming Investigations reflect how criminal activity has evolved in answer to societal advancements. Additionally, civilian personnel are assigned to the Investigative Analysis Unit formerly known as the Violent Crime Support Unit, and the Tactical Analysis Unit formerly known as Narcotics Analysts.

Along with the internal changes, there have been advancements regarding the way crime is investigated. DNA analysis changed how many investigations, especially homicide investigations, are conducted. Improvement in DNA analysis has moved it from an unknown technology in 1983, to the forefront of many violent crime investigations. Today, the use of genetic genealogy increases our ability to solve cold cases. Additionally, digital forensics (oftentimes the examination of a cell phone or other electronic device) is utilized in a majority of investigations, providing many investigative leads concerning suspected criminal activity. These three crime fighting tools were all but unheard of in 1983.

The growth of the Division of Drug and Crime Control has been significant in the first 40 years; one can only guess what the next 40 may bring.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Kerperin".

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# CJIS Hosts Annual Statewide Conference



Pictured are (back row l to r) Assistant Director Steve White, Program Manager Erin Hug, UCR Trainer/Auditor Jenee Peryer, UCR Trainer/Auditor Matt Owens, MULES Trainer Bruce Snider, UCR Trainer/Auditor Kevin Neely, UCR Trainer/ Auditor Jesse Halley, MULES Trainer Starlith McAdams, UCR Trainer/Auditor Jay Mauthe, Program Manager Scott Robinson, UCR Trainer/Auditor John Rollins, MULES Trainer Sam Tuck; (front Row l to r) UCR Trainer/Auditor Deven Boyd, UCR Trainer/Auditor Chelsea Kincaid, CJIS Specialist Dylan Grawe, MULES Trainer Dan Yepsen, CJIS Specialist Lynn Pendleton, UCR Trainer/Auditor Scott Cline, MULES Trainer Deirdre Carter, MULES Trainer Mike Zvolanek, UCR Trainer/Auditor Jordan Eichholz, CIT Shelby Veit, and Assistant Director Tim Schlueter. *Not pictured: Program Managers Chris Parr and Kerri Smith.*

Submitted by CJIS Division

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division along with the Missouri Troopers Association hosted the annual CJIS Conference at the Chouteau on the Lake Resort in Branson, Missouri. The 2 1/2-day conference, September 26-28, 2023, featured speakers from the FBI CJIS Division, the Patrol's CJIS Division, MIAC, Missouri Attorney General's office and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The event provided updated information of topics such as: MIBRS reporting, audit preparation, Use of Force reporting, Rap Sheets, security, MULES transactions, Missouri Sunshine Law, Orders of Protection, annual TAC updates, NDex and the FBI CJIS security policy.

This annual conference was attended by nearly 300 individuals from state and local

law enforcement agencies. Many of the attendees described the conference as an opportunity for agencies to ensure they are following the correct policies and procedures while conducting MULES transactions, security awareness training, and data collection for programs such as Use of Force and MIBRS. The conference is a review of many areas for those who have been in the criminal justice field for a while, but many attendees were first timers which provided them with new resources and information to take back to their agencies.

The conference is a large responsibility that requires many hours of scheduling and planning. A big thank you to all of those who had a helping hand in a successful 2023 conference. Next year's conference will be moving to the Margaritaville Resort at Lake of the Ozarks.



CJIS MULES Trainers Starlith McAdams and Bruce Snider conducted training covering MULES updates.



# TPR. COLEMAN'S Resourcefulness PAYS OFF

*By Cpl. Dallas R. Thompson (C)*

Trooper Lane C. Coleman (C) was selected as the September 2023 DPS Sworn Employee of the Month for his tireless and thorough investigative work, which led to felony charges against a man for an armed assault. An award ceremony took place September 26, 2023, at Troop C Headquarters.

On May 26, 2023, a shooting occurred on Missouri Highway 364 near Arena Parkway in St. Charles County. A 26-year-old motorist driving westbound on MO 364 was shot in the hand by a passing motorist. Inside the 26-year-old's vehicle were her two children, a five-year-old and 10-month-old.

Tpr. Coleman responded to where the victim relocated and assisted the Division of Drug and Crime Control with processing the scene. An interview with the victim yielded a description of the suspect and suspect vehicle. With few leads, Tpr. Coleman expanded his investigation to a local Facebook page where posts about incidents within St. Charles County frequently appear. After tirelessly combing through the comments section of the post about this incident, Tpr. Coleman was able to locate a possible witness who observed a vehicle matching the

suspect vehicle being stopped by a local police department just prior to the shooting. Tpr. Coleman contacted the local police department and identified a possible suspect. This resulted in the victim positively identifying this suspect as the shooter.

Because of Tpr. Coleman's dedicated work on this complicated case; and his thinking outside of the box investigation skills, the St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office was able to bring seven felony charges against the suspect.

Lieutenant Colonel David A. Flannigan presented a challenge coin to Tpr. Coleman. He thanked him for conducting such a thorough investigation. He then highlighted the core value of resourcefulness and how Tpr. Coleman utilized that specific core value in this case. Using technology, such as social media, helped bring this case to a close.

DPS Deputy Director Kevin Bond also spoke to Tpr. Coleman stating, "We really appreciate what you did and how you did it. You exemplify DPS and what we do for our citizens." He then presented Tpr. Coleman with a DPS challenge coin and certificate.



DPS Deputy Director Kevin Bond pauses for a photo with Tpr. Coleman.



Tpr. Coleman's award was cause for celebration.



Lt. Col. David Flannigan (Q/ASO) presented a challenge coin to Tpr. Coleman.

# WITH *sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Ret. CRID Services Coord. Connie J. Arriola - husband  
Ret. Sgt. Dale W. Crites - wife  
Ret. Chief DE Phyllis E. Smith - husband  
Ret. Capt. Herschel E. Sisk - wife  
Ret. CVO Sprv. Jerold L. Frerking - son  
DE Dean E. Durr (D) - mother  
Sgt. Michael E. Carson (E) - father  
Asst. Dir. Greg J. Rehagen (Q/FFD) - mother  
Ret. Senior Secretary Janet L. Waer - brother  
Ret. Capt. Paul D. Parmenter - daughter

Sgt. Jeff M. Owen (Q/DDCC) - father  
CVO Sprv. Ryne S. Branum (E) - husband's grandmother  
DE Sprv. Shane C. Anderson (C) - father  
DE Sprv. Teri L. Dicks (E) - mother-in-law  
Clerk Typist II Amber N. Haslag (F) - grandfather  
DE Sprv. Michelle D. Applegate (E) - father-in-law  
Ret. Capt. Stephen B. Ferrier - father  
CVO Elijah C. Floyd (D) - grandfather  
Tpr. G. Tyler Hackett (D) - grandfather



YOU'RE  
INVITED!

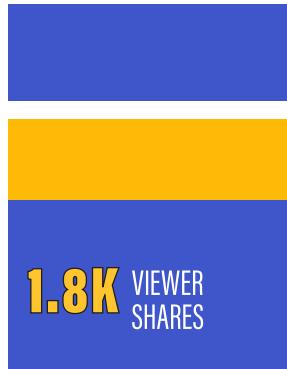
The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center.

The awards banquet is open to all MASTERS members, MSHP employees, and their guest/spouse. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Redel at (573) 526-6159 or mary.redel@mshp.dps.mo.gov.



## SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT

This post surprised a lot of followers.



# Congratulations

ON YOUR  
**RETIREMENT**

For your years of dedicated service, loyalty, and selfless giving, we thank you.



**RAY H. BROWN**

DE Sprv.  
Troop A

Retired October 1, 2023.  
24 years, 8 months of dedicated service.



**RENEE DAVIS**

DE Sprv.  
Troop G

Retired October 1, 2023.  
22 years, 4 months of dedicated service.



**JAMES W. GEORGE**

Corporal  
Troop H

Retired October 1, 2023.  
26 years, 9 months of dedicated service.



**MICHAEL K. FRAZIER**

Sergeant  
Troop D

Retired October 1, 2023.  
31 years, 9 months of dedicated service.



**CLINTON S. MASON**

Sergeant  
Troop D

Retired October 1, 2023.  
26 years, 3 months of dedicated service.



**CATHERINE BROWN**

Director  
Q/FFD

Retired November 1, 2023.  
14 years, one month of dedicated service.



**DAVID M. STURTZ**

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Q/TND

Retired November 1, 2023.  
28 years of dedicated service.



**LESLIE A. WILSON**

Trooper  
Troop D

Retired November 1, 2023.  
27 years, 10 months of dedicated service.



Tpr. Callie Volle

## Congratulations, Tpr. Volle!

By Sgt. Jonathan A. Cluver (Q/AD)

On October 19, 2023, Trooper Callie Volle received her Aircraft Division wings and earned the title of pilot in command of the Cessna 182. To earn her wings, Tpr. Volle obtained her private pilot certificate for single engine airplanes, an instrument rating, and endorsements for complex and high performance airplanes. Tpr. Volle also received training for conducting traffic enforcement flights, surveillance flights, and searches.



Capt. David Striegel (Q/AD) presented  
Tpr. Callie Volle with her wings.



On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, Tpr. Steven R. Peterson (B) was recognized for 25 years as a Public Safety Diver assigned to the MSHP Dive Team. Thank you, Tpr. Peterson, your commitment to the team is much appreciated!





Sgt. Patrick Sublette (Q/DDCC) throws an honorary pitch at the September 18 Cardinals game. Was it a strike? You'll have to ask him!

St. Louis Cardinals LLC photo.  
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# Patrol Hits A HOME RUN!

## Troopers Partner With Cardinals For Event

By Tpr. R. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD)

Each year, the St. Louis Cardinals organization shows its support of law enforcement by hosting a First Responder Day/Night. This year the two-day event took place September 17-18, 2023. Troopers saw an opportunity to highlight the Patrol and partnered with the Cardinals for the event. Three recruiting booths shared the agency's mission and interacted with thousands of supporters. Everyone enjoyed the plastic trooper hats, and footage of children wearing them made it onto the jumbotron and on ESPN. The stadium was filled with potential future employees and current ones.

Several employees expressed support, saying the Patrol presence at the game was "awesome." Their pride in the organization was obvious, and recruiters enjoyed the conversations. Mostly, recruiters answered questions from the public and explained why the Patrol is the best choice for a career—civilian and member.

In addition to outreach efforts, a Patrol color guard presented the colors September 18 to start the game. One of the highlights was having the Patrol's Officer of the Year for 2022, Sergeant Patrick D. Sublette (Q/DDCC), throw an honorary first pitch!

"It was cool," said Sgt. Sublette. "I've been a Cardinals fan for since I was a kid, so throwing out the first pitch was an opportunity of a lifetime." Sgt. Sublette said several people told him not to screw it up, because who wants that video on YouTube? He was allowed to take six family members, so his wife, children, and dad accompanied him. "A week before the game, my nine-year-old son, Benjamin, and I went to a Columbia, MO, park so I could practice. I coach his team, but throwing 60 feet is different from the 46 feet in youth baseball. They told me there wasn't a place for me to warm up, so the day of the Cardinals game, we stopped at a park in Webster Groves, MO. My 13-year-old son, Alex, caught for me then." After the pitch, Sgt. Sublette and his family joined the rest of the Patrol employees to watch the game. "The kids were excited from the get-go. My 11-year-old daughter, Amelia, immediately said she needed a new Cardinals' shirt."



The Cardinals honor Sgt. Patrick Sublette (Q/DDCC) on the "big screen."



St. Louis Cardinals LLC photo. Used with permission.

The Sublette family enjoyed meeting Fred Bird.



Tpr. Alonzo Collins (C) was one of several Patrol recruiters promoting career possibilities and talking with the public at the Cardinal's first responder event.



These youngsters enjoyed meeting Tpr. Roberto Rizo (F).



(l to r) Cpl. Tim Fick (F), Cpl. Colby Holzschuh (F), Cpl. Jake McKinney (F), Cpl. Michael White (C), Cpl. Jacob Huskey (C), and Tpr. Mark Benson (C) present the colors.



It's cool to be a Cardinal!

## 55 YEARS AGO

**NOVEMBER 1968** - A short article in this issue indicated Sergeant Lloyd Swartz (B) received a teletype message from an officer at Troop C which read, "Patience, prayer, faith plus luck." The message was a reply to the message Sgt. Swartz sent the Troop C officer requesting verification that his request for two tickets to the Cardinals-Giants game had been received.

## 45 YEARS AGO

**DECEMBER 1978** - Sergeant W.W. Oberhelman (A) and Cpl. L. Williams (A) were northbound on Interstate 35 en route to measure the speed check blocks on I-35, just north of the rest area in Clinton County. As they were riding along, they observed a subject on top of a building under construction. He was waving his arms frantically and appeared to be jumping up and down. Being two curious officers, they pulled into the construction site for a new truck stop to see what his problem was. When Cpl. Williams got out of the car, the man explained that he and his friend had gotten up on top of the building by using a metal extension ladder. After they reached the roof, the wind blew the ladder down. He asked if Cpl. Williams would come over to the building and set up his ladder. He further explained that he and his friend had already flipped a coin. He had lost and was going to have to jump. He wasn't looking forward to that jump, as the building was 24 feet tall. Just another service rendered.



## 35 YEARS AGO

**NOVEMBER 1988** - The first Patrol K-9s completed training and the four teams attended a press conference related to this new unit.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**DECEMBER 1998** - One story reported that CVO Steve Wilmesherr (C) accepted the October 1998 State Employee of the Month award from Gov. Mel Carnahan. CVO Wilmesherr was honored for his work in locating \$122 million in illegal drugs. CVO Wilmesherr "heard a strange noise" from a tractor-trailer, stopped the vehicle, placed it out of service for defective equipment, and called a trooper when the conversation with the driver made CVO Wilmesherr suspicious.

## 15 YEARS AGO

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008** - This issue celebrated the new Troop C's open house event. Troop H hosted its first University Alliance Program. One article explained the recently signed Senate Bill 930 (the transportation bill). One section of the bill covered ignition interlock devices and the enhancement of the DWI penalties.



Tpr. Greg Kenley and K-9 Ben, Troop E; Tpr. David Henson and K-9 Wiko, Troop I; Tpr. Robert Zubeck and K-9 Asko, Troop A; and Tpr. Greg Althage and K-9 Vax, Troop C; were the members of the first Patrol K-9 unit, created in 1988.

## CONGRATS, CPL. PEABODY!

Congratulations to Cpl. Justin Peabody (Q/DDCC) for being named September 2023 State Team Member of the Month. This award recognized his investigative skills in several criminal cases. Cpl. Peabody was nominated after being named August 2023 DPS Sworn Team Member of the Month. (See full story, September/October 2023 Patrol News.)



## IAATI HONORS CPL. BRADLEY



On Thursday, October 19, 2023, Corporal C. Nate Bradley (Q/DDCC) accepted the 2023 International Association of Auto Theft Investigators/Director's Award, recognizing his investigative efforts to combat automotive thefts and vehicle-related crimes. Pictured with Cpl. Bradley and presenting the award is Mr. Jim Vogler, the North Central Regional Chapter president of the IAATI. In Cpl. Bradley's nomination, officials with IAATI highlighted some of his accomplishments, including the recovery of 305 stolen vehicles in 2022, the federal indictment of a large scale catalytic converter theft ring in the Kansas City area, and his willingness to instruct members of law enforcement and the automotive industry in automotive theft investigations. Congratulations, Cpl. Bradley!

## Troopers Accept Missouri MEDALS OF VALOR



Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe presented Missouri Public Safety Medals to 18 first responders and four civilians for heroic acts performed in 2022. The presentation took place September 28, 2023, at General Headquarters. Pictured are Capt. Scott Sater (D), Cpl. Terry Bible (D), Tpr. Adam Shipley (E), Tpr. Joshua Schuenemeyer (E), Capt. Jason Cluver (E), and Lt. Col. David Flannigan (Q/ASO). Cpl. Bible, Tpr. Shipley, and Tpr. Schuenemeyer accepted Medals of Valor. Tpr. Bible was honored for his actions in rescuing a driver from a burning commercial vehicle. Tpr. Shipley was honored for his actions after responding to the scene of an aggravated rape in progress. Tpr. Schuenemeyer was honored for his actions after arriving at the scene of a traffic crash involving approximately 50 vehicles on Interstate 57 in Charleston, MO.



**MIZZOU**

# FOOTBALL DETAIL: A Well-Oiled Machine

By Cheryl D. Cobb  
*Public Information Specialist III (Q/PIED)*

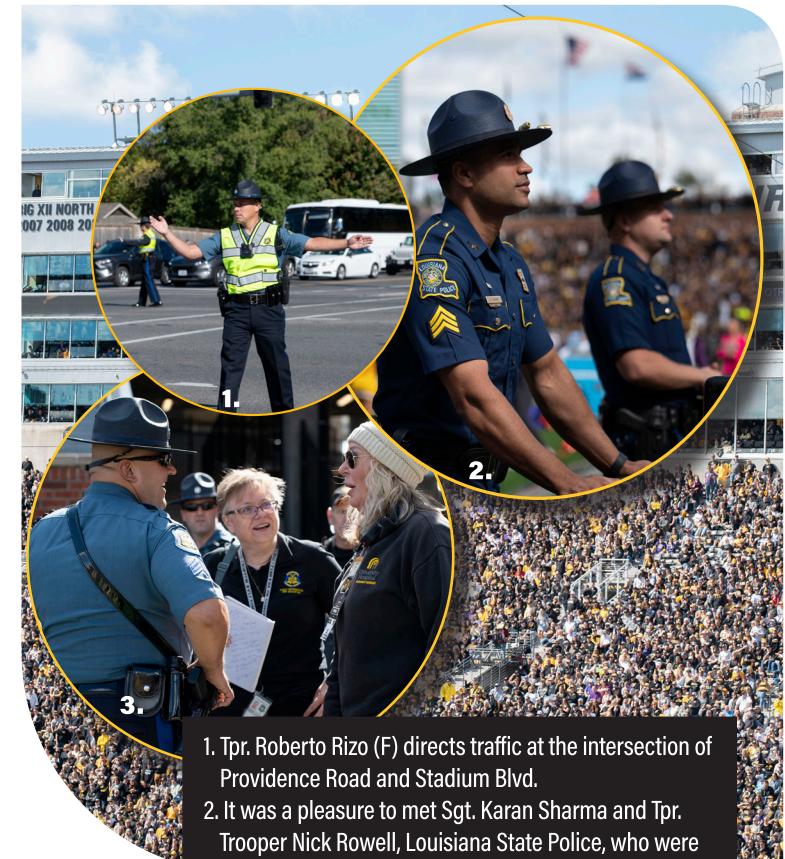


raffic. Lots of it. Pedestrians. Lots of them. From all directions, vehicles and people descended upon The 'Zou. It was game day, October 7, when the Missouri Tigers would clash with the Louisiana State University Tigers on the gridiron. Memorial Stadium's capacity is reported as being approximately 61,620, since the 2019 renovations. The Mizzou vs LSU game welcomed 62,621 fans—that's a lot of people sitting on the grass and the big white "M!"

You might know the game's outcome was Mizzou's first loss of the season. But, did you know there were almost 70 members of the Patrol quietly working in various capacities: watching over those present, managing traffic, handling medical emergencies, and responding where needed throughout the day? The Patrol's responsibilities and who is assigned where required an 11-page inter-office communication.

Photographer Rachel J. Hays (Q/PIED) and I were granted press passes and had the opportunity to visit with several members of the detail. We approached the stadium with a pause at the intersection of Stadium and Providence Road. Eight troopers were strategically placed and moved both vehicles and people like a well-oiled machine. When Sgt. Bryan H. Salmons (F), who stood in the middle of the intersection, blew his whistle, each of the troopers shifted and motioned to the next lane of traffic or people, giving them right-of-way and keeping things moving. It was an impressive, precise event after each whistle, without pause or discussion, and duplicated at every intersection around the event. Intersections farther from the stadium, but along the route the football teams and their coaches travel, also had troopers assigned. Both teams had Patrol escorts to the stadium.

Once inside, we first spoke to Sergeant Shawn A. Brazas (F) in the command center. "This is a University of Missouri Police Department detail, and we assist," explained Sgt. Brazas. "The detail takes months of planning and includes multiple law enforcement agencies." Sgt. Brazas served as the assistant officer-in-charge and was assigned to the command post in the upper level of the press box. The command center included representatives from the FBI, MUPD, Columbia Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Fire Department, University Hospital Ambulance, etc. "In previous years, there has been a National Weather Service video update, but we have a representative on site this year." If lightning was within a certain distance of the field, the university would communicate with the attendees regarding safety.



1. Tpr. Roberto Rizo (F) directs traffic at the intersection of Providence Road and Stadium Blvd.
2. It was a pleasure to meet Sgt. Karan Sharma and Tpr. Trooper Nick Rowell, Louisiana State Police, who were staying close to the LSU pep band.
3. Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl Cobb (Q/PIED) enjoyed talking with members of the detail and the public.

locations and the head referee would determine if the game continues.

We made our way down to the field to speak with several members of the Patrol's detail. Sgt. Steven D. Rudloff (F) escorted the home team from their hotel to the stadium, and once there, served as the west side supervisor. During the game, he was one of many troopers stationed throughout the crowd and around the field watching to, "make sure no one is making someone else not have a good time. This is a family atmosphere, and we want to keep it that way."

Sergeant Matt J. Cody (F) has been on the Mizzou football detail for over a decade and currently handles traffic for the Founder's Lot. "It's a great post." He says the detail has a tiered system. Toward the end of the game, troopers are released for traffic duty based on what the crowd does. If the game is close and the crowd stays, Tier 2 stays inside the stadium while Tier 1 leaves and prepares for traffic duty.

A chat with Corporal Alex J. Shibley (C) in the southeast corner of the stadium near the visiting team's locker room, revealed he made sure people coming onto the field were allowed to be there. He said his day would last 14 hours. When I

**We're here to  
KEEP THE  
PEACE and make  
sure there are no verbal/  
physical altercations.**

—Tpr. Chelsea Nelson (F)



Tpr. Chelsea Nelson (F) works the intersection of Providence and Lot C before coming down to the field during the game.

spoke with him during the second quarter, Cpl. Shibley said it was pretty quiet with not much radio traffic. "That is a good sign with a crowd this size." He said his assignment allowed him to interact with the other team's state patrol if they bring them.

Louisiana State University did bring some of their finest along. A couple were with the coaches and team. The two I met, Trooper Nick Rowell and Sergeant Karan Sharma, served as escorts and security for the three buses transporting Louisiana State University pep band and cheerleaders to Missouri and back.

"Anything we've needed, you've provided," said Tpr. Rowell.

Sgt. Sharma said everyone was extremely friendly, mentioned how clean the stadium was, and said law enforcement had been very helpful. At the time we spoke, the Mizzou fans were described as pleasant.

As I was speaking to them, support staff for Marching Mizzou began pushing equipment past us and the two Louisiana State Police officers instantly moved to assist. I was impressed with their professionalism and heart for service. They represented Louisiana and the LSP well, and I hope after their team won, Mizzou fans could still be described as pleasant.

Tpr. Alonso Collins (C) said the football detail is one of the details he enjoys and tries to be part of each year. He believes it is an opportunity for the public to see troopers as professionals and that it can aid in recruiting efforts. This year, he stood in front of the Mizzou student section. He said there have been some unusual signs this year, and after the first game, he and the students had established a rapport.

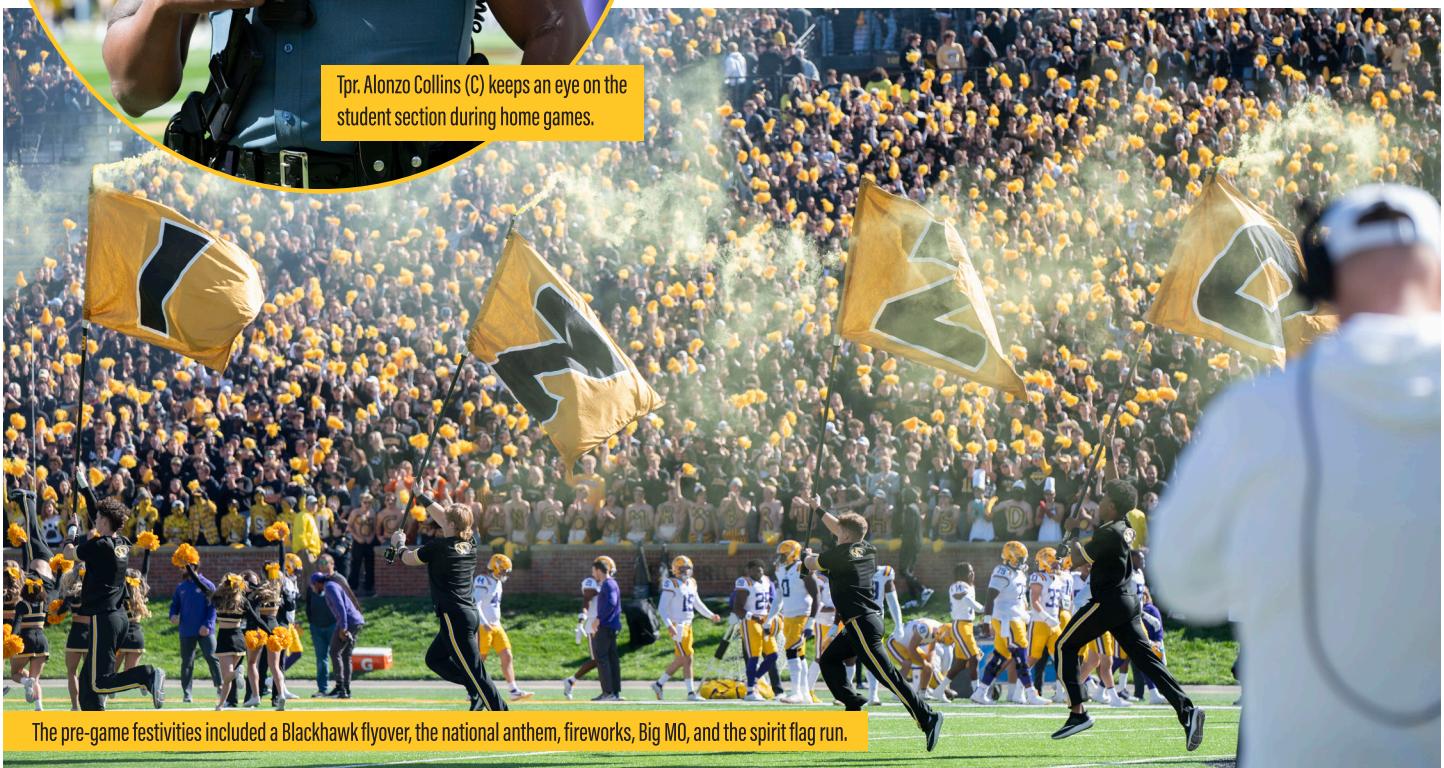
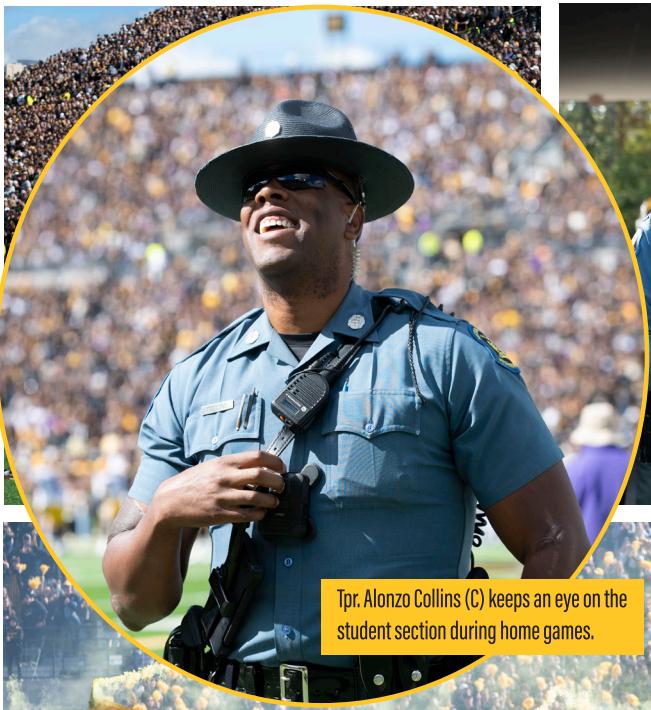
When I caught up with Cpl. Shawn M. Blackston (I), he was standing by "Big

MO." Before the game, players from the 2010 Mizzou football team, including Chase Daniels and Jeremy Maclin, beat on the drum much to the crowd's delight. Cpl. Blackston said he's been part of the detail for eight years. One of his duties includes escorting the visiting football team from their hotel to the stadium. He stands at the intersection of Stadium and Bernadette Drive. "I turn it green and watch them go through," he said. "I've been a fan of Mizzou since I was little. I grew up 30 minutes away from Columbia, so it's like coming home."

[Special thanks to Mizzou Athletics, Lieutenant Casey E. Utterback (F), and Lieutenant Brandon M. White (Q/FOB), who assisted Rachel and me in gaining access to members of the Patrol's football detail.]



The two tiger mascots greeted one another like old friends.



# THE PATROL HOSTS SECOND CAREER EXPO

By Tpr. R. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD)



Tpr. Brandon Harris (F) answers questions about SWAT.

The Patrol's second Career Expo was a success. This year's Career Expo was extraordinary, exceeding expectations, delivering opportunities, and showcasing our unique organization to all who attended. The event provided a platform for experienced professionals, college students, and high school students to explore new opportunities and learn all about the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Throughout the event, attendees expressed their surprise at the sheer number of career opportunities the Patrol offers. The outside displays gave attendees a closeup look and provided conversations about the Patrol's specialized equipment.

"This is phenomenal," said one attendee. "Thank you for doing this."

Throughout the day, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and anticipation as students and members of the public toured the event. The Career Expo provided a platform to showcase every division, specialized team, and equipment. Most importantly, it

offered an opportunity to make meaningful connections with prospective applicants/employees.

"I am applying tonight," said Max, from Jefferson City, MO.

One of the key aspects that contributed to the success was the pride and participation from all the Missouri State Highway Patrol's employees. Pride from everyone was on display as they showcased their career within the agency. New tablecloths, backdrops, and unique giveaways appeared at this year's event. Patrol employees actively engaged with individuals, fostered meaningful conversations, and genuinely expressed interest in their skills and ambitions. This attention to detail and genuine care created an unforgettable experience for job seekers and left a lasting impression.

The teamwork blew away the Recruiting and Community Outreach Division members throughout the day. Thank you, everyone, for making the day special!



Sgt. Tim Barrett (D) speaks to students from his hometown about the K-9 Unit.



Sgt. Kurt Merseal (Q/WPD) answers questions about the Dive Team.



Everyone stopped to talk to Tpr. Adam Hitt (F) about the Motorcycle Unit.



Cpl. Dave Miranda (Q/Gaming) explained his profession within the Gaming Division.



CVOs Brenda McIntyre (F) and Danton Harvey (B) pause for a photo.



Kurt Malzner (Q/FFD) and Cody Hargis (Q/FFD) are ready to discuss opportunities in the Fleet and Facilities Division.



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# Deaths



Charles R. Sisk

## CHARLES R. SISK

Charles R Sisk, 82, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died July 19, 2023, at the Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau. Charlie joined the Air Force in 1961 at the age of 20 and was honorably discharged in 1965. He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He served with the Highway Patrol for

31 years, achieving the rank of sergeant all while staying in Troop E area. He was appointed to the Patrol June 1, 1967, as a member of the 33rd Recruit Class. He was promoted to corporal in May 1981 and sergeant in May 1982. Charlie transferred to the Gaming Division in April 1995, and was assigned to the Casino Aztar in Caruthersville, MO. He retired July 1, 1998. Charlie lived and breathed his job as a proud highway patrolman. He loved telling stories about his time with the Patrol. Charlie is survived by two children, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a great-granddaughter, and three sisters. The family suggests memorials be made to The MASTERS at themastersmo.org. To learn more about Charlie, visit the Cotrell Willow Ridge Funeral & Cremation Services website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Sisk family.

## GEORGE C. SCOTT

George C. Scott, 82, died September 19, 2023, at Mosaic Life Care. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1959. After graduation, George joined the U.S. Army and was a military policeman stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA.

While in the Army, he was assigned to President John F. Kennedy's helicopter detail. George was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, September 14, 1969. After recruit training in Rolla, he was assigned to Troop A, Jackson County, where he worked in the downtown Kansas City, MO, area. After three years in Troop A, George transferred to Troop H and was assigned to the Maryville, MO, area. In 1975, he transferred to St. Joseph, MO. George was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1983, and sergeant in 1989. While he was at Troop H, he was the supervisor of the CVE unit, the

troop firearms instructor, marijuana eradication officer, and assisted with the desk operation. In 1993, George transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control and was assigned to the Riverboat Gaming unit. He supervised a team of officers that conducted the first background and licensing investigations of riverboat gaming companies and their employees of the Kansas City and St. Joseph areas. He was designated boat enforcement supervisor at the St. Jo Frontier Casino. He retired May 1, 1997, after more than 27 years with the Patrol. George is survived by his wife, Sherrie, of the home, two sons, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, a sister, and a brother. To learn more about George, visit the Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Scott family.



Carl D. Watson

## CARL D. WATSON

Carl D. Watson, 80, of Houston, MO, died September 30, 2023, surrounded by his loving wife and children at home on the Watson family farm where he was born. He attended

Houston (MO) schools and graduated with the Class of 1961. Shortly after high school, Carl entered the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA, where he spent his entire military career in the construction engineering division and attained the rank of specialist 5. While he was awaiting orders to ship overseas to fight in the Vietnam War, he received word that he was selected to serve on a special squad for the funeral detail for President John F. Kennedy in Washington, D.C. He was always proud that he was a small part of such a historic occasion. On July 1, 1966, Carl joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. His first assignments as a trooper were West Plains, MO, and Mountain Grove, MO. In 1979, Carl transferred to Troop G Headquarters, Willow Springs, MO, and was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, which later became the Division of Drug & Crime Control. He became supervisor and lead investigator and remained in that unit until he retired from the Patrol in 1999. He was also a member of the committee that led to the formation of the South Central Drug Task Force. During his career, Carl was involved in thousands of high-profile criminal cases, including homicides, domestic terrorism investigations, methamphetamine lab busts, marijuana eradication, and automobile theft rings in Southern Missouri and throughout the state. He was known to be meticulous in his collection of evidence and written reports. Carl testified in hundreds of court cases throughout his career. Carl is survived by his wife, Jan, of the home, five children, 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers, and a close cousin. The family respectfully requests that memorial donations be made to TCMH Hospice of Care, The MASTERS, or the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Solo, MO. To learn more about Carl, visit the Bradford Funeral Home website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Watson family.



Helen A. Boeckmann

## HELEN A. BOECKMANN

Helen A. Boeckmann, 76, of Wardsville, MO, died peacefully and surrounded by her family on Monday, October 16, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. She attended Fatima High School in Westphalia. Helen ran in-home daycare for many years, and worked for

Florsheim Shoe Distribution before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. She was hired as an AFIS entry operator on January 12, 2003, and retired on March 1, 2012. She is survived by her loving husband Art Boeckmann, three sons, two daughters, one brother, five sisters, and 15 grandchildren. To learn more about Helen visit the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors website. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Stanislaus Educational Foundation. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Boeckmann family.

## CHARLES F. DURHAM

Charles F. Durham, 93, of Jefferson City, MO, died Sunday, October 15, 2023, at his home surrounded by his wife and daughters. Frank graduated from Macon High School in 1947. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology. He proudly served in the United

States Air Force from January 1952 until August 1956 as an all-weather fighter pilot. He was honorably discharged from the service as a first lieutenant on August 31, 1956. He taught chemistry, biology, and physics at Macon High School until he began a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory as a forensic chemist, one of the first civilians to hold that position. He retired in 1996 as a criminalist supervisor. During his employment at the Patrol, Frank also taught classes on criminal justice at Lincoln University, Northeast Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri. He also taught at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. Frank was an emeritus fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and an emeritus member of the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Karen, two daughters, one son, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Central Missouri Honor Flight in care of Freeman Mortuary. To learn more about Frank, visit the Freeman Mortuary website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Durham family.

## JON R. RODGERS

Jon R. Rodgers, 73, of Park Hills, MO, died October 30, 2023. Jon was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner on April 1, 1973. He retired as a driver examiner supervisor on September 1, 2006, after 39 years and five months of dedicated service. He is



Charles F. Durham

survived by his wife, Andrea L. (Underwood) Rodgers, one stepson, a step granddaughter, an adopted daughter, other relatives, and friends. The family suggests memorials be made to: First United Methodist Church of Park Hills, 401 Taylor Avenue, P.O. Box 505, Park Hills, MO 63601, or to The Huckstep Heart and Lung Center at Parkland Health Center, 1101 West Liberty Street, Farmington, MO 63640. To learn more about Jon, visit the Horton-Wampler Funeral Home website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Rodgers family.

*Editor's note: In the September/October 2023 Patrol News, an obituary for Charles R. Sisk appeared. That article was for a different Charles R. Sisk. The correct obituary for retired Sergeant Sisk appears in this issue. The Patrol News regrets the error.*



Thank you to my Patrol family for all the cards, messages, and prayers after the passing of my mother-in-law, Onalee June Dicks. It was very comforting and appreciated by our family.

DE Sprv. Teri L. Dicks (E)



Jon R. Rodgers



# HAPPY th anniversary DDCC!

*By Sgt. Darrin R. Haslag (Q/DDCC)*



The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control marked their 40th anniversary with an open house celebration at their new office in the Annex Building of the General Headquarters complex on October 18, 2023. Current MSHP employees joined retirees, sheriffs, municipal officers, prosecutors, and various state and federal agency leaders to celebrate the long history of the division's accomplishments and notable cases. Visitors to the open house were met at the front door of the Annex where they were given the opportunity to view the Digital Forensic Investigative Unit's van. The technology in the DFIU van provides officers with the ability to conduct on-site digital examinations at child exploitation search warrants.

Visitors were also able to view the Bomb Squad's new bomb truck and the various equipment used to render explosive devices safe. Once inside the Annex, those in attendance took a tour of the new office, examined timelines of the division's history, and watched a slide show comprised of pictures of DDCC personnel at work through the years. Representatives from various units were on hand to talk about the role they play in the division and the work of their respective units. These units included members of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Human Trafficking Unit, Investigative and Tactical Analysis Unit, Narcotics Unit, Organized Crime/Anti-Terrorism Unit, Illegal Gambling Unit, and Rural Crimes Investigative Unit.

Happy 40th anniversary, DDCC!

1. Johnson County Prosecuting Attorney Rob Russell, Jefferson City Police Department Lieutenant David Williams, and Lt. Danielle Heil (Q/DDCC) pause for a picture during the open house.
2. Sgt. Greg Primm (Q/DDCC) and Col. Eric Olson take a moment to share stories from their Troop A days together.
3. Outside the open house, a group of guests learn more about DDCC's Bomb Squad.

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4. The DDCC crew enjoyed the opportunity to talk about their function in the Patrol.

5. DDCC personnel unveiled a new logo design and wall art.

6. Donette Kempker (Q/DDCC), Major Paul Kerperin (Q/CIB), Rhonda Weinkein (Q/DDCC), Diane Stevens (Q/DDCC), and Allison West (Q/DDCC) took a few minutes to catch up during the event.

7. Justin Glick (Q/DDCC) prepares for public tours of the Digital Forensic Investigative Unit's van prior to the start of the open house.

8. A group of visitors learn about and hear stories about the Digital Forensic Investigative Unit's work to fight child exploitation.

9. Office staff and maintenance personnel celebrate the ending of a very successful open house.

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Troop F Lt. Morgan Patterson stopped by to visit his son's class. Lt. Patterson's son, Tate, liked having a hat like dad's.